

Immunizations protect both individuals and the broader community. Vermont's [Immunization Rule](#) requires certain vaccinations of all students enrolled in post-secondary schools. Medical and religious exemptions, where applicable, can be used in lieu of meeting these requirements.

This document presents information on the specific requirements for each vaccine type and percent of first-year or transfer full-time and allied health undergraduate students who meet these requirements at colleges and universities within the state. Incoming students are required to submit medical documentation or proof of exemption to their schools before enrolling. These aggregated data are reported to the Vermont Department of Health by college administrators. Data included in this brief are from a point in time and may have changed over time.

What counts as meeting the college vaccination requirements?

Students meet the regulation by fulfilling the following requirements:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine **OR** documentation of past disease
- 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine (or 1 if the first dose was given after age 16) for first year residential students ≤ 21 years

Why are the school vaccination rates not exact percentages?

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) [Privacy Rule](#), institutions reporting or releasing data are required to protect personally identifiable health information in their reports from disclosure, or being shared with the public. Thus, various [data suppression rules](#) are applied in the Vermont Department of Health vaccine data to limit publicly sharing health information about individuals.

The following suppression rules are applied here for school-level data:

- Not share the percentage if there are fewer than 100 students enrolled at the school (or fewer than 100 residential students for meningococcal vaccine rates).
- Not share the percentage if fewer than 6 total students are vaccinated at the school.
- Report school percentages that are higher than 95% as >95%.

KEY POINTS

- **Statewide, 92% of incoming full-time and allied health undergraduate students met all vaccination requirements.**
- **For each of the five vaccinations, 95% or more of incoming students met the requirements.**

College and University Immunization Rates, 2021-2022

Statewide, there is a 95% or greater rate for each vaccination requirement.

Percent of Vermont incoming full-time and allied health undergraduate students who completed various vaccine or immunity requirements by school

School	Tdap	MMR	Varicella	Hep B	Meningococcal	Enrollment
Bennington College	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	282
Castleton University	>95%	95%	95%	95%	>95%	557
Champlain College	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	518
Community College of VT	89%	89%	88%	87%	N/A	598
Landmark College	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	398
Middlebury College	>95%	>95%	>95%	95%	94%	681
Northeastern Baptist College	*	*	*	*	*	2
Northern VT University - Johnson	81%	77%	80%	82%	87%	166
Northern VT University - Lyndon	93%	93%	94%	92%	92%	163
Norwich University	88%	88%	87%	87%	86%	744
Saint Michael's College	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	1425
Sterling College	*	*	*	*	*	26
University of Vermont	>95%	>95%	>95%	95%	>95%	3645
Vermont Technical College	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	637
Statewide	95%	96%	95%	95%	96%	9,814

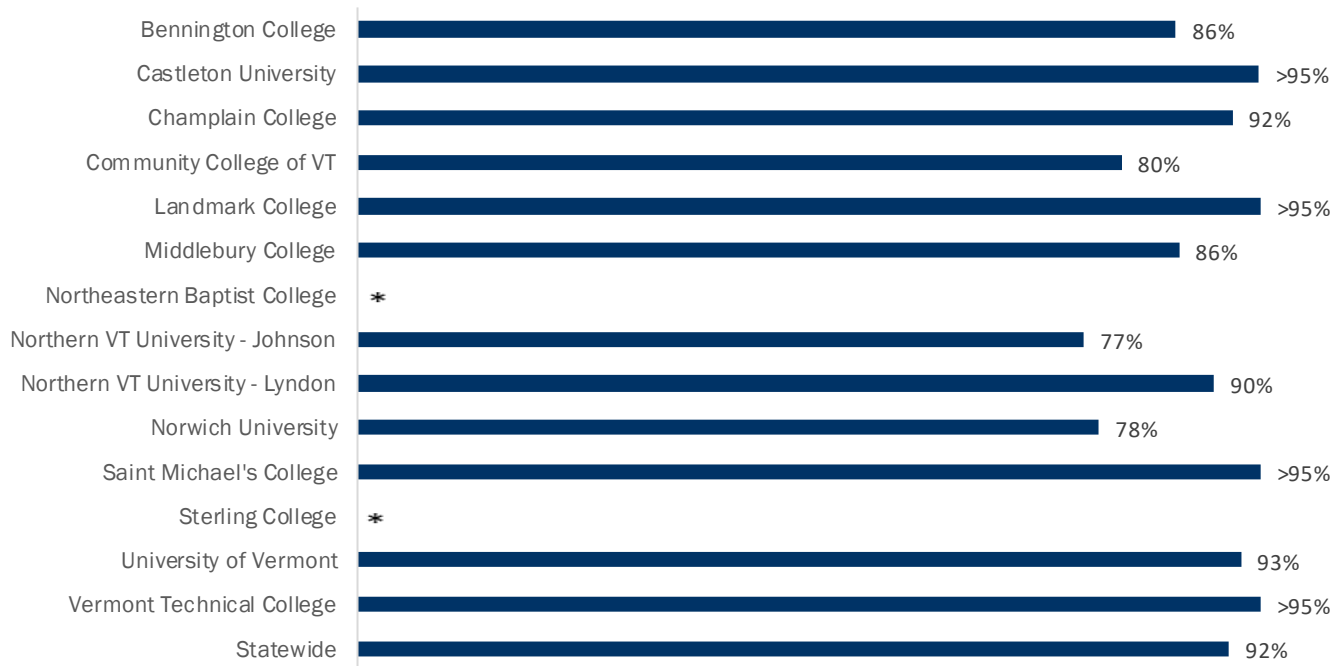
Data Source: Annual Vermont College and University Immunization Report (2021-2022)

*Number suppressed due to low enrollment.

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92% of Vermont college and university students across all schools are considered fully vaccinated.

Percent of incoming full-time and allied health undergraduate students fully vaccinated by school



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Students are considered fully vaccinated if they meet all applicable vaccination requirements (including through evidence of previous disease for varicella).

Provisional admittance applies to students who have not yet submitted the required documentation either for vaccination requirements or exemptions; this may be due to a student currently receiving the required vaccinations or documentation issues. Statewide, approximately 8% of students fall under the category of provisional admittance.

Key Takeaways

92% of full-time incoming first-year and transfer students, and all incoming allied health students, entering Vermont colleges and universities met all vaccination requirements. For each of the individual vaccination requirements (Tdap, MMR, varicella, hepatitis B, and meningococcal), 95% or greater of students met these requirements statewide.

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